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SUBJECT: CU PORTION OF 1977 VENEZUELA CPP

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1. CU PORTION OF YOUR CPP APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE AT LEVEL OF \$210,000 SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND FOLLOWING COMMENTS.
2. YOUR IV'S ARE WELL DISTRIBUTED AND TARGETED. REGRET, HOWEVER, FY-77 BUDGETARY SITUATION WILL NOT PERMIT FUNDING AT REQUESTED FIGURE. 25 GRANTS IS LIKELY ALLOCATION. WE WOULD ALSO HOPE INCLUDE SEVERAL VENEZUELANS IN REGIONALLY FUNDED SEMINARS.
3. SUGGEST YOU NOT PROCEED NOW WITH A.6 DRUG GRANTEE SINCE POSSIBLE MULTIREGIONAL PROJECT CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED.
4. APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS IN C.6 ON SYRACUSE TYPE PROJECT IN SPANISH. WE ARE CONSIDERING A REGIONAL PROGRAM OF THIS KIND FOR FY-78.

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5. RE F.1 SPECIAL LATIN AMERICAN LECTURER PROJECT IS
ACADEMIC NOT IV PROGRAM. PLEASE SEE OUR 42378.

6. WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE AS MANY OF YOUR AMSPEC
PROPOSALS AS POSSIBLE IN CONTEXT LARGE NUMBER OF REQUESTS
FROM ALL LATIN AMERICAN POSTS. ONLY DOUBTFUL PROJECTS ON
YOUR LIST ARE F.4 AND F.6.

7. \$210,000 LEVEL WHICH REPLACES \$170,000 PLANNING FIGURE
GIVEN YOU EARLIER INCLUDES \$150,000 FOR NEW ACADEMIC
PROGRAM. FOR POST INFORMATION OVERALL CU APPROPRIATION
FOR FY-77 REPRESENTS DECLINE IN PROGRAM TERMS FROM FY-76.
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